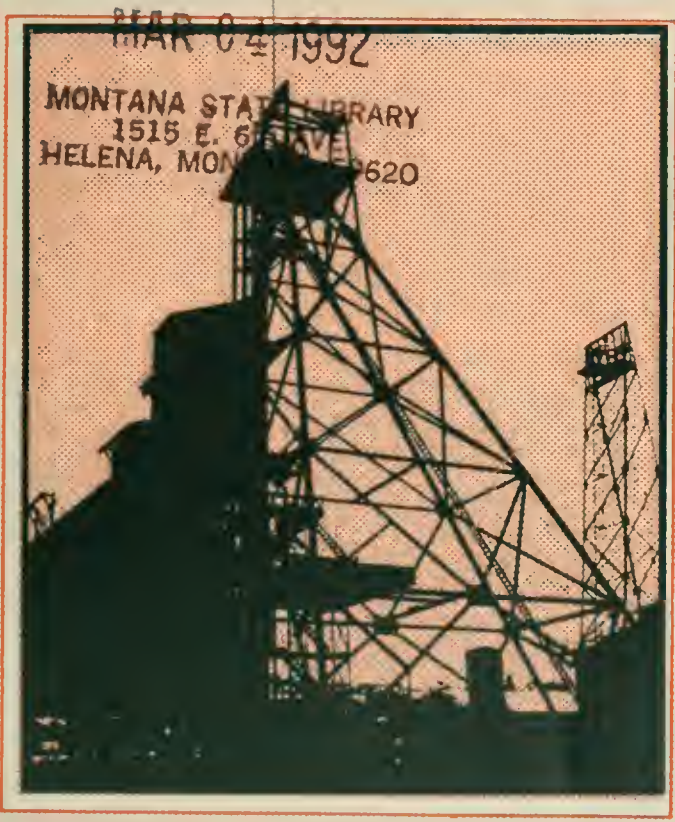


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MONTANA RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION



State and Local Grants to

- Repair, reclaim, and mitigate environmental damage to public resources from mineral extraction
- Ensure the quality of public resources for the benefit of all Montanans

The Reclamation and Development Grant Program is a state funded grant program. It is designed to fund projects that compensate Montana citizens for the effects of exploration and mining on Montana lands and projects that serve the public interest and the state of Montana. The program was established by the 1987 Montana Legislature and is administered by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

Funding for this program is derived from interest income from the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund. This fund receives proceeds from taxes levied on mineral production. The 1987 Legislature directed that, beginning in July 1989, 46% of the interest income from the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund be allocated to the Reclamation and Development Grant Program (approximately \$2.6 million each biennium). Eighty-seven projects totaling more than \$14 million have been funded for fiscal years 1986 through 1993.

Examples of projects include:

- Mine Reclamation
- Reclamation of Mineral Exploration Sites
- Natural Resource Information
- Hazardous Waste Cleanup
- Streambank Restoration
- Erosion Control

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
WRITE OR CALL:**

Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation

Conservation and Resource Development Division
1520 East Sixth Avenue

Helena, Montana 59620-2301

Telephone: (406) 444-6668



HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact the Resource Development Bureau of the Conservation and Resource Development Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and request an application form for the Reclamation and Development Grant Program.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15TH OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

All applications will be reviewed by DNRC for technical and financial feasibility. Grant applications will be ranked using a point system to establish funding recommendations to the Montana Legislature. Evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to the degree of:



Benefits provided in the eligibility categories

Public benefits provided

Promotion, enhancement, or advancement of the policies and purposes of the Reclamation and Development Grant Program.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS?

Any department, agency, board, commission, or other division of state government or any city, county, or other political subdivision or tribal government in Montana may apply for a grant.

No grant can exceed \$300,000. All grants must be approved by the Montana Legislature.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Projects that provide benefits in one or more of the following categories:

- Reclamation of land, water, or other resources adversely affected by mining and exploration
- Mitigation of damage to public resources caused by mining and exploration
- Research, demonstration, or technical assistance to promote the wise use of Montana minerals,



including efforts to make processing less damaging to the environment

- Identification and repair of sites where toxic and hazardous wastes threaten public health or the environment
- Research to assess existing or potential environmental damage resulting from mining and exploration

If there are not enough eligible and qualified applications in the above categories submitted, or if there is a crucial state need, the legislature may approve funding projects that:

- enhance Montana's economy through the development of natural resources;
- develop, promote, or protect Montana's total environment and the general health, safety, welfare, and public resources of Montana's citizens and communities.

- Conservation of natural resources
- Need and urgency for the project
- Contributions to the costs of the project by the project sponsor or local entity.
- Additional nonstate funds generated by the project sponsor.
- Number of jobs created for persons who need job training, receive public assistance, or are chronically unemployed.

The Montana Legislature, which meets from January to April each odd-numbered year, will make the final decision on the ranking and funding of grants. The Legislature's decision will determine when a project will receive grant money during the next two-year period.



Yes, I would like to receive additional information regarding the Reclamation and Development Grants Program. Please send me a grant application.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Send to:

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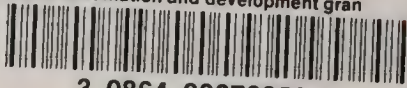
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